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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on September 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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